

EPA & Consumer Technology Association (CTA) Meeting on Chemical Use

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Doug Parsons and Joel Wolf, EPA
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Meeting Attendees

CTA:

Walter Alcorn
Dan Moyer

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CTA Members:

Joe Conklin, Nintendo
Jack Goetzke, Polaroid
Robyn Haines, Vizio
Caitlin Sanchez, Vizio
Tim Yankley, Texas Instruments

EPA:

Joel Wolf, CCD
Doug Parsons, CCD
Niva Kramek, CCD
Toni Krasnic, CCD
Meredith Connes, CCD
Ingrid Fesutelfeustel, CCD
Sue Slotnick, CCD
Ana Corado, CCD
Eileen Sheehan, NPCD
Cindy Wheeler, CCD

Use Information Background:

Joel Wolf, EPA: The new TSCA was passed in June 2016 and EPA had to prioritize the first initial ten chemicals in December 2016. A scope document must be published by June 19, 2017 which will outline EPA's understanding of the uses of these chemicals in order to begin the risk evaluation phase. There are dockets for each of the ten chemicals and EPA held a public meeting in February. We continue to engage with stakeholders to get a better understanding of the universe of uses. The use documents that have been published are our EPA's understanding of the chemical uses at the present time. EPA is asking for comments on those documents before March 15. The use documents and any comments on them will be used to inform the scoping documents.

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Doug Parsons: The new law changed the requirements so that the risk evaluation and scope must be ~~be or cover~~ all the conditions of use for ~~the each~~ chemicals. Therefore, EPA ~~would like is trying~~ to get the best understanding of how ~~the each~~ chemical is used in the world, ~~and that is the purpose of this outreach.~~

Joel Wolf: It would be particularly valuable to get information from retailers. Just because something is labeled for a certain use doesn't mean that is how it is ultimately used by a consumer or other user.

Doug Parsons: The deadline to comment on the use documents is tomorrow to give EPA time to develop the scoping documents. ~~But However, we EPA does not don't~~ want to end the dialogue with stakeholders at that time.

Joel Wolf: During the risk evaluation phase, there will be other things that EPA will require, such as exposure information. Additionally, ~~gathering all the uses of the chemicals does not mean that all uses will be evaluated, to the end of the process.~~ EPA must go through the process of identifying all uses before any are eliminated.

Doug Parsons: The timeline is condensed for the first ten chemicals. EPA was required by law to identify these chemicals in December and the scope must be done by June. In the future, when we identify chemicals for risk evaluation, there will be more time to have these types of dialogues.

Joel Wolf: There are prioritization and risk evaluation rules out for public comment right now and those lay out the process for future chemicals.

Perspective from CTA:

Dan Moyer, CTA: We understand the process and appreciate EPA's flexibility in meeting with us. If we have additional comments after tomorrow, would EPA still want that information?

Joel Wolf: Yes.

Walter Alcorn, CTA: Would uses outside of the United States be included in EPA's use list?

Doug Parsons: EPA would be interested in those uses if the product was going to be imported.

Walter Alcorn, CTA: If it is used in ~~the~~ production out of ~~the~~ country but is not in the product, then that would be out of scope. Some of these chemicals may be used as a solvent somewhere in the world, but might not ever be used in the U.S. again.

Doug Parsons: That is correct. EPA is collecting information on articles as well.

Joel Wolf: International uses could be viewed as reasonably foreseeable uses in the U.S., which would need to be considered. Maybe those international uses used to be in the U.S., or maybe they are not yet used in the U.S. ~~We EPA~~ would like to recognize that degree of detail in the scope. All existing regulations from EPA and other agencies will be considered as well. There are three rules already proposed for TCE, NMP, and ~~m~~ Methylene chloride and the uses covered in those rules are not being re-evaluated at this time. EPA will be looking at all ~~the~~ other uses for those chemicals.

Walter Alcorn, CTA: ~~We CTA~~ will collect information from our members in order to get comments in before tomorrow's deadline, but we would also be happy to keep a dialogue going. These ten chemicals are not ~~high on the list~~ in our

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industry. Most of them are used in other industries. However, ~~we CTA will reach out to our members circle back to our folks and~~ provide EPA any additional information.

Joel Wolf: Although these ten chemicals may not be pertinent for your industry, there will be more of these discussions moving forward with other chemicals.

Walter Alcorn, CTA: We appreciate going through this process. ~~We CTA is~~ are more comfortable having this discussion at a federal level as opposed to state by state.

Doug Parsons: EPA wants to be sure to understand these uses early in the process so there are fewer surprises later.

Sue Slotnick, EPA: I work on the flame retardant HBCDⁱ. We have found that there might be some uses of HBCD as a flame retardant in some electronics such as in the cases or housing of computers. Is there anyone in your group who would have information regarding that use?

Tim Yankley, Texas Instruments: Halogenated flame retardants such as HBCD have typically gone by the wayside in this industry. I don't know if they are required in some products, but we have largely removed them from our products.

Sue Slotnick, EPA: Thank you.

Tim Yankley, Texas Instruments: I am assuming there will be more information about what is needed from us in future risk evaluations. When will we know those parameters?

Niva Kramek, EPA: This process for ~~the start of~~ the risk evaluations is different than what ~~we is~~ foreseen for the next group of chemicals. For future risk evaluations, the proposed implementation rule shows a process for prioritization and pre-prioritization that involves some extensive stakeholder outreach for how EPA will prioritize chemicals for risk evaluation. That plan will be a lot clearer in detailing what kind information would be most helpful. That rule is under proposal ~~that and will should~~ be finalized soon ~~hopefully~~. The public comment period is open for the rule on the prioritization process and the risk evaluation process. For these ten chemicals, EPA is in the scope phase so we are looking for uses and conditions of use right now. Once the scoping documents are published, EPA will enter the risk evaluation ~~fully~~ and there will be periods for public comment during that phase. ~~We EPA will be trying try~~ to get public engagement and input on the risk evaluations themselves. ~~We EPA~~ will try to give more input on what kind of information is the most useful, but we are really open to any information at any stage. I would encourage everyone to look at the preliminary use documents. Those show the information that EPA has been able to gather over the last couple months to understand the universe of uses. ~~If you CTA thinks~~ something is inaccurate or if there is something we missed, that would be the most helpful information right now.

Wrap Up

Doug Parsons: Thank you to everyone for participating. We will have more conversations in the future. Please reach out if there are any future questions.

ⁱ HBCD is a member of the Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster, which is on the First Ten list of chemicals selected by EPA.